

ORDINANCE NO. 2000 - 031

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING THE 1989 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 89-17, AS AMENDED; AMENDING THE **FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT** (TO REVISE AND UPDATE, TO REVISE MINIMUM DENSITY LANGUAGE, AND TO REVISE THE TRANSFER OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS PROGRAM); **UTILITY ELEMENT** (TO REVISE DRAINAGE LEVEL OF SERVICE); **ECONOMIC ELEMENT** (TO REVISE AND UPDATE); **INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT** (TO REVISE AND UPDATE); **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ELEMENT** (TO REVISE AND UPDATE); **RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT** (TO REVISE AND UPDATE); **INTRODUCTION AND ADMINISTRATION ELEMENT** (TO UPDATE RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE DEFINITIONS); AND AMENDING ALL ELEMENTS AS NECESSARY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE 1989 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**WHEREAS**, on August 31, 1989, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners adopted the 1989 Comprehensive Plan by Ordinance No. 89-17; and

**WHEREAS**, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners amends the 1989 Comprehensive Plan as provided by Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners have initiated amendments to several elements of the Comprehensive Plan in order to promote the health, safety and welfare of the public of Palm Beach County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Palm Beach County Local Planning Agency conducted its public hearings on March 10, 17, 24, and April 14, 2000 to review the proposed amendments to the Palm Beach County Comprehensive Plan and made recommendations regarding the proposed amendments to the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners pursuant to Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, as the governing body of Palm Beach County, conducted a public hearing pursuant to Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes, on May 8, 2000 to review the recommendations of the Local Planning Agency, whereupon the Board of County Commissioners authorized transmittal of proposed amendments to the Department of Community Affairs for review and

comment pursuant to Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS,** Palm Beach County received on July 25, 2000 the Department of Community Affairs "Objections, Recommendations, and Comments Report," dated July 21, 2000 which was the Department's written review of the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments; and

**WHEREAS,** the written comments submitted by the Department of Community Affairs contained no objections to the amendments contained in this ordinance;

**WHEREAS,** on September 18, 2000 the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing to review the written comments submitted by the Department of Community Affairs and to consider adoption of the amendments; and

**WHEREAS,** the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners has determined that the amendments comply with all requirements of the Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulations Act.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:**

**Part I. Amendments to the 1989 Comprehensive Plan**

Amendments to the following Elements of the 1989 Comprehensive Plan are hereby adopted and attached to this Ordinance in Exhibit 1:

- A. Future Land Use Element,** to revise Minimum Density language,
- B. Future Land Use Element,** to revise the Transfer of Development Rights Program;
- C. Utility Element,** to revise Drainage Level of Service;
- D. Economic Element,** to revise and update;
- E. Intergovernmental Coordination Element,** to revise and update;
- F. Health And Human Services Element,** to revise and update;
- G. Recreation And Open Space Element,** to revise and update;
- H. Introduction And Administration Element,** to revise and update Recreation and Open Space definitions;
- I. And amending all elements as necessary for internal**

1 consistency.

2 **Part II. Repeal of Laws in Conflict**

3 All local laws and ordinances applying to the unincorporated area  
4 of Palm Beach County in conflict with any provision of this ordinance  
5 are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

6 **Part III. Severability**

7 If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of  
8 this Ordinance is for any reason held by the Court to be  
9 unconstitutional, inoperative or void, such holding shall not affect  
10 the remainder of this Ordinance.

11 **Part IV. Inclusion in the 1989 Comprehensive Plan**

12 The provision of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part  
13 of the 1989 Palm Beach County Comprehensive Plan. The Sections of the  
14 Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such, and the  
15 word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or any other  
16 appropriate word.

17 **Part V. Effective Date**

18 The effective date of this plan amendment shall be the date a  
19 final order is issued by the Department of Community Affairs or  
20 Administration Commission finding the amendment in compliance in  
21 accordance with Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, whichever occurs  
22 earlier. No development orders, development permits, or land uses  
23 dependent on this amendment may be issued or commence before it has  
24 become effective. If a final order of noncompliance is issued by the

1 Administration Commission, this amendment may nevertheless be made  
2 effective by adoption of a resolution affirming its effective status,  
3 a copy of which resolutions shall be sent to the Department of  
4 Community Affairs, Bureau of Local Planning, 2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
5 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100.

6 **APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm  
7 Beach County, on the 18 day of September, 2000.

8 ATTEST:  
9 DOROTHY H. WYNNEN, Clerk

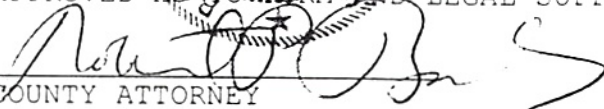
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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12 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

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14 COUNTY ATTORNEY

15 Filed with the Department of State on the 25th day  
16 of September, 2000.

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A. Future Land Use Element, Minimum Density Exemption

**REVISIONS:** To revise language related to minimum density exemptions. The revisions are numbered below, and shown with the added text underlined, and the deleted text ~~struck out~~.

1. REVISION, Table 2.1-1

TABLE 2.1-1  
RESIDENTIAL CATEGORIES & ALLOWED DENSITIES

Category	Dwelling Units Per Gross Acres			
	PDD Max	Maximum	Minimum	Entitlement
<i>unaltered text omitted</i>				
Low Residential 2 1 to 2 du per 1 acre	2.0 DU/AC	1.5 DU/AC	<del>1.0 DU/AC</del> ---	0.1 DU/AC
Low Residential 3 1 to 3 du per 1 acre	3.0 DU/AC	2.0 DU/AC	<del>1.0 DU/AC</del> ---	0.1 DU/AC
<i>unaltered text omitted</i>				

Residential

2. **Policy 1.2-b:** The County shall establish and maintain minimum densities in residential future land use categories of ~~two units per acre~~ five units per acre or greater, as specified in Table 2.1-1. To promote the most efficient use of infrastructure and reduce the potential for urban sprawl, development shall not be permitted lower than the established minimum density of a future land use category, unless exempted as provided below,

- 1) The Planning Director may approve a 25% exemptions from the minimum density requirement subject to the following:
  - a) The proposed density reduction shall not exceed 25% of the specified minimum density of the applicable future land use category; and,
  - b) An analysis must be completed by the applicant that demonstrates:
    - (1) that the impact of the reduction in density does not negatively impact or result in the under utilization of the overall infrastructure system; and,
    - (2) the resulting density of the proposed project is compatible with existing and proposed adjacent future land uses.

2) The Planning Director may approve a full exemption from the minimum density requirement of the MR-5 land use category subject to the following:

- a) The subject parcel has a Medium Residential, 5 unit per acre (MR-5) land use designation; and
- b) The subject parcel is part of a large lot residential subdivision, where the predominant lot size is greater than 1 acre; and
- c) The subdivision was established prior to the adoption of the 1989 Comprehensive Plan; and
- d) The proposed density is compatible with the existing density in the subdivision.

2-3) Property which, at the time of Plan adoption (August 1989), had zoning approval that allowed fewer dwelling units than the minimum required by the plan may also be exempted from the minimum density requirements.

**B. Future Land Use Element, Transfer of Development Rights Revisions**

**REVISIONS:** To revise and update Objective 2.6 to reflect current terminology and implement BCC direction regarding the TDR Bank. The revisions are numbered below, and shown with the added text underlined, and the deleted text ~~struck out~~.

**OBJECTIVE 2.6 Transfer of Development Rights**

1. **REVISED - Policy 2.6-c:** The County shall designate the following as sending areas:
  1. lands designated Rural Residential (RR-20) on the Future Land Use Atlas;
  2. lands designated as priority acquisition sites by the ~~Environmentally Sensitive Lands Acquisition Selection Committee (ESLASC)~~ Conservation Land Acquisition Selection Committee (CLASC) that meet the criteria listed below:
    - a. ~~R~~rarity in Palm Beach County of the native ecosystems present on the environmentally sensitive lands site;
    - b. ~~D~~iversity of the native ecosystems present on the environmentally sensitive lands site;
    - c. ~~P~~resence of species listed as endangered, threatened, rare, or of special concern by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, the Florida Committee on Rare and Endangered Plants and Animals, or the Florida Department of Agriculture.
  3. lands designated Agricultural Reserve (AGR) on the Future Land Use ~~Map~~ Atlas;
  4. privately owned lands designated Conservation (CON) on the Future Land Use ~~Map~~ Atlas; and,
  5. other sites determined by the BCC to be worthy of protection, provided that the sites further the purpose of the TDR program (to protect Environmentally Sensitive Lands (ESLs), in keeping with the criteria listed above, and the Agricultural Reserve) or the sites further County Goals, Objectives, and Policies.
2. **REVISED - Policy 2.6-d:** Transfer rates for the sending areas shall be assigned as follows:
  1. for RR-20 lands, TDR credits are assigned at one du/five acres;
  2. for lands designated by the ~~ESLASC~~ CLASC (residential and non-residential), TDR credits are assigned at one du/five acres if located outside of the Urban Service Area. For residentially designated parcels, within the Urban Service Area, TDR credits for those sites shall equal the current PDD Land Use Designation plus a 15% transfer bonus above the maximum PDD density if less than the total available units are transferred, or the current PDD Land Use Designation plus a 25% transfer bonus above the maximum PDD density if all the available units are transferred;
  3. for Agricultural Reserve lands, TDR credits are assigned at one (1) du/acre; and,
  4. for Conservation lands, TDR credits are assigned at one (1) du/ ten acres.
3. **REVISED - Policy 2.6-f:** Potential receiving areas shall be inside the ~~Urban Service Area~~ Urban/Suburban Tier and shall include:
  1. Planned Development Districts (PDD) that are requesting an increase in density above the current PDD land use designation; and,
  2. Subdivisions requesting a bonus density above the standard land use designation density.



4. **REVISED - Policy 2.6-g:** In order to encourage eastward development, and a tapering off of density towards the western edge of the Urban Service Area Boundary Urban/Suburban Tier, bonus densities may be applied for as follows:
  1. ~~East of the Urban Service Area Boundary~~ inside the Urban/Suburban Tier and west of the Florida Turnpike, up to 2 du/acre additional;
  2. ~~East of the Florida Turnpike inside the Urban/Suburban Tier~~, but not in the Revitalization and Redevelopment Overlay, up to 3 du/acre additional; and,
  3. in the Revitalization and Redevelopment Overlay, up to 4 du/acre additional.
5. **REVISED - Policy 2.6-k:** The County shall maintain a Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) bank which shall include development rights from environmentally sensitive lands acquired by the County as of August 31, 1999. The administrative and legal requirements for the TDR bank shall be outlined in the Unified Land Development Code. Development rights ~~for the bank can be in the TDR bank were generated from various sources including, but not limited to:~~
  1. development rights associated with environmentally sensitive lands which are purchased by the County, including the 14 Native Ecosystem "A" Quality Ecosites targeted for purchase through the County's bond issue; and,
  2. development rights associated with other lands purchased by the County, in whole or in part, for the purposes of protection of agricultural lands and environmentally sensitive lands, including wetlands.
6. **REVISED - Policy 2.6-n:** ~~The By January 2000, the County BCC shall investigate alternative pricing methods to price the TDR units within the TDR Bank either by utilizing, including but not limited to: using the appraised value of the purchased lands; the appraised value of the receiving areas; and; the value of TDR units established by transactions in the private market or a recommendation by the Planning Division and/or Land Use Advisory Board.~~
7. **NEW - Policy 2.6-q:** By January 2005, the County shall investigate and allow, if warranted, additional units to be placed within the TDR Bank. Need shall be based upon at least a fifty (50) percent reduction in the number of TDR units in the County's TDR Bank.

C. **Utility Element, Drainage Level of Service**

**REVISIONS:** To revise text to allow for alternative methods of meeting the adopted stormwater level of protection standards in the Storm Water Sub-Element of the Utility Element. The added text is shown underlined.

1. **Policy 1.2-a:** Development orders subject to requirements of the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) shall provide for the conveyance of all off-site discharge to legal positive outfall via drainage facilities which are constructed in appropriate easements, with adequate capacity to accommodate the allowable discharge, without overflow to adjacent lands; or by providing alternative methods to meet the stormwater level of protection standards, approved by the County's Engineering Department and consistent with South Florida Water Management District's criteria.



**D. Economic Element, Managed Growth Tier System Revisions**

**REVISIONS:** To revise and update for consistency with the Managed Growth Tier System. The revisions are numbered below, and shown with the added text underlined, and the deleted text ~~struck-out~~.

**Objective 1.1 Balanced Economic Growth Implementation**

**1. REVISED Objective 1.1: Balanced Economic Growth Implementation**

Palm Beach County shall maintain and expand a diversified economy by:

1. implementing land use policies which focus on agricultural retention and expansion of the equine industry,
  2. encouraging growth in cluster industries, presently defined as communications and information technology computers, medical products, agriculture and food processing, business and financial services, aerospace and engineering, tourism, recreation and entertainment, and other emerging cluster industries which complement changing economic conditions, and other high paying job sectors, and small businesses, as set forth in Objectives 1.2 and 1.4; and
  3. encouraging the growth of year round tourism, as set forth in Objective 1.3.
- 2. NEW Policy 1.1-g:** To facilitate the retention and development of agricultural related businesses, the County shall support programs to enhance the viability and marketability of agriculture. To provide incentives for agricultural economic development, stabilization, and enhancement, the County shall continue to advertise, fund, and implement an agricultural economic development program through the County Cooperative Extension Service Department.
- 3. NEW Policy 1.1-h:** The County Brownfield Procedure established in 1998 shall be implemented by the Planning Division, in cooperation with other County Departments and agencies, to address brownfield redevelopment in response to private sector requests.

**Objective 1.2 Increased Growth in Cluster**

**4. REVISED Objective 1.2: Increased Growth in Cluster Industries**

Palm Beach County shall encourage the expansion of cluster industries, defined in Objective 1.4.1. The Business Development Board ~~Palm Beach County Planning Division~~ shall monitor growth through increases in the employment and average wages for the industries, and provide report an annual report to the Overall Economic Development Program (OEDP) Committee as appropriate. The OEDP provides oversight to the Economic Development Coordinator's Office.

- 5. NEW Policy 1.2-c:** The County shall support the creation of business centers close to transportation centers which stimulate intermodal transport and transit. In addition, the Economic Development Coordinator's Office shall coordinate activities with other appropriate agencies and provide incentives for the creation of business/industrial complexes at interchanges along major transportation corridors, consistent with industry-clustering strategies.

**Objective 1.4 Increase Opportunity for Small Business Enterprises**

- 6. NEW Policy 1.4-b:** The County shall continue to allocate incentive funds for infrastructure projects within the Revitalization/Redevelopment Overlay to encourage private investment. Allocation of funds shall be based on positive impacts such as an increased tax base, sustainable employment base or residential units.

7. **NEW Policy 1.4-c:** The County, through the Economic Development Coordinator's Office, shall continue to develop and implement incentives to encourage small business development in the Revitalization and Redevelopment Overlay and adjacent and/or directly impacted commercial or industrial areas.
8. **NEW Policy 1.4-d:** The County shall continue to encourage and support, as appropriate, a loan fund program to assist small businesses in the Revitalization and Redevelopment Overlay.

**Objective 1.5 Minimize Local Burden on Taxpayers while Funding Facilities and Services Needed to Support Economic Growth**

9. **REVISED Policy 1.5a:** ~~The County shall maintain supports~~ the principle that growth should pay its ~~own way~~ proportionate share of the cost of development, by the continued use of impact fees and by continuing to pursue other appropriate revenue sources for financing the construction or purchase of capital facilities necessary to service new development. ~~Increases~~ Changes in impact and user fees should be based on changes in the cost of providing capital facilities. The Office of Financial Management and Budget shall conduct a biennial review of impact fees, and may recommend revisions ~~to higher levels as needed. to stay in line with cost increases.~~

**Objective 1.6 Availability of Educational and Training Opportunities**

10. **NEW Policy 1.6-b:** The Workforce Development Board shall continue to provide assistance for business technical training.

**Objective 1.7 - Evaluate Economic Progress**

11. **NEW Policy 1.7-d:** The County, through the Economic Development Coordinator's Office and the Business Development Board, shall continue to market and implement performance-based incentive programs which provide for grant and/or loan funds and reimbursement for certain fees/taxes for businesses locating or expanding in Palm Beach County.



**E. Intergovernmental Coordination Element, Revisions and Updates**

**REVISIONS:** To revise and update. The revisions are numbered below, and shown with the added text underlined, and the deleted text ~~struck out~~.

**a. Palm Beach County Intergovernmental Coordination Program**

1. **REVISED Text** Following the defeat of the Countywide referendum, the municipal planning directors within the County created a substitute organization with the purpose to establish a countywide comprehensive plan amendment coordinated review process. In October, 1993, the Multi-Jurisdictional Issues coordination forum and the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Coordinated Review Process were established through the execution of two interlocal agreements, among Current program membership includes the County, 31~~4~~ municipalities, the South Florida Water Management District, the School Board, South Indian River (Trail) Water Control District, Lake Worth Drainage District, Indian Trail Improvement District, Jupiter Inlet District ~~Boca Raton Airport Authority~~, Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District, Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District, and the Northern Palm Beach County Water Control District. The coordination program contains two components: ~~separate elements~~ 1) an Issues Coordination Forum for the identification and possible resolution of multi-jurisdictional issues and 2) a plan amendment review program for coordination of comprehensive plan amendments. These programs are referred to as the Issues Forum and IPARC (Intergovernmental Plan Amendment Review Committee) respectively; and are collectively known as the "Palm Beach County Intergovernmental Coordination Program."

**c. Communication**

2. **REVISED Text** The County maintains the Action Citizen's Service Center as a public service designed to respond to inquiries and to provide accurate and timely information, enhance communications and improve citizen satisfaction. The County's Public Affairs Department and the Board of County Commissioners use the Action Citizen's Service Center to respond to requests from municipalities. Receiving prompt responses from the County helps to reduce conflicts. Another coordination effort within the County is the Municipal Coordinator function within Public Affairs which serves as a point of contact with municipalities and as an information distribution center to the Municipal League of Cities and individual municipalities. Also, to promote intergovernmental cooperation the Board of County Commissioners participates in joint meetings with the School Board, Municipal League of Cities and the South Florida Water Management District, and also reserves space for monthly joint workshops with the municipalities.

**d. Special Coordination Needs**

3. **REVISED Text** In 1985, the Palm Beach Countywide Beaches and Shores Council was created to coordinate the protection, preservation and enhancement of the oceanfront beaches and shores in the County. The ~~Oceanfront~~ Council consists of twenty-seven participants, including Palm Beach County, inlet and special districts, two environmental entities, affected coastal municipalities and the Municipal League of Cities of Palm Beach County. The Council considers all projects and/or actions involving any beach or shore located in Palm Beach County on the Atlantic Ocean and seaward of the Coastal Construction Control Line (CCCL).

**Objective 1.1 Plan Coordination**

4. **REVISED Policy 1.1-a:** The County shall actively support and participate in the Intergovernmental Coordination Program (Intergovernmental Plan Amendment Review Committee and Issue Forum) to coordinate planning activities in Palm Beach County. ~~The membership currently includes Palm Beach County, 31 municipalities, the South Florida Water Management District, the School Board, South Indian (Trail) Water Control District, Lake Worth Drainage District, Boca Raton Airport Authority, Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District, Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District, and the North Palm Beach County Water Control District. The purpose of the Coordination program is to:~~



- establish an intergovernmental coordination program for review of proposed comprehensive plan amendments;
- provide a vehicle for consensus building on multi-jurisdictional issues;
- provide an opportunity for mediation and potential resolution of multi-jurisdictional conflicts; and
- share information.

All results obtained through the IPARC Process, including any written determinations received, shall be submitted as data and analysis to DCA with proposed and adopted comprehensive plan amendments.

#### Objective 1.1 Plan Coordination

5. **REVISED Policy 1.1-i:** The County shall coordinate with the South Florida Water Management District to ensure consistency between the County's and the District's planning efforts and to address the combined long-term flood control and water supply needs of the environment, agriculture and urban areas through measures identified in ~~policy 1.9-e Potable Water & Sanitary Sewer~~ Wastewater Element Policy 2.1-e.

#### OBJECTIVE 1.2 Communication

6. **REVISED Policy 1.2-b:** The County shall continue to support and provide funding for Countywide and sub-County forums, including a ~~Municipal League of Cities/County~~ Workshop to be held on at least a yearly basis.
7. **REVISED Policy 1.2-d:** ~~The County shall continue to support and coordinate with the Municipal League to convey information on County planning issues to the 38 municipalities and to convey information from the 38 municipalities to the County.~~

The County shall continue to support and coordinate with the League of Cities and the municipalities it represents, to convey and receive information on Countywide planning issues.

8. **REVISED Policy 1.2-g:** The County shall continue to support the development of a Countywide geographic and land information system (GIS/LIS) with coordination through the Geographic Information Systems Policy Advisory Committee (GISPAC). The GIS/LIS information shall be maintained in a form for inter-agency use and be accessible to the public.

#### Objective 1.3 Plan Element Coordination Needs

9. **REVISED Policy 1.3-c:** ~~The County Department of Airports shall coordinate proposed airport development and master plans expansion with adjacent local governments and their plans as set forth in the Palm Beach International Airport (PBIA) overlay section of the Land Use Element, the Comprehensive Airport Zoning and Land Use Compatibility Ordinance and Policies 1.1-i, 1.1-j, and the policies under Objective 1.3 of the Aviation and Related Facilities Element~~ the policies under Transportation Element Objectives 1.13, 1.15 and 1.16.

#### OBJECTIVE 1.4 Annexation

10. **DELETED Policy 1.4-f:** ~~By June 1, 1998, the County's Planning Division will update the Enclave Study to identify all remaining service delivery enclaves within unincorporated Palm Beach County.~~

**REVISED Policy 1.4-k:** The County shall monitor implementation of each annexation policy and amend Comprehensive plan annexation provisions when appropriate to insure that the policy directives are consistent with the needs of the County. The County's Planning Division ~~will~~ shall monitor annexation policy directives by:

- Maintaining a monthly log of municipal annexations;



- Maintaining a map and listing of remaining service delivery enclaves; and
- Preparing a yearly evaluation report concerning annexation activity and impact on County land use for the Board of County Commissioners, the Municipal League of Cities and all municipalities.

11. **REVISED Policy 1.4-g:** The County shall work with the League of Cities, the Association of Counties and the Palm Beach Legislative Delegation to develop and support state legislation to resolve annexation issues and ~~shall work with the Municipal League~~ to develop charter amendments to resolve annexation problems.

#### **OBJECTIVE 3.1      Conflict Resolution**

12. **REVISED Policy 3.1-d:** The Public Affairs Department shall continue to use the County's Municipal Coordination Function and ~~Action~~ Citizen's Service Center to identify and resolve conflicts before they intensify.

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F. **Health & Human Services Element, to Revise and Update**

**REVISIONS:** To update agency references and address scrivener errors. The revisions are numbered below, and shown with the added text underlined, and the deleted text ~~struck-out~~.

**INTRODUCTION      A. Purpose**

**1.      REVISED**

Evaluation of the 1989 Health and Human Services Element and development of recommendations to this element involved over twenty-five (25) individuals representing in excess of nineteen (19) public and private sector organizations and individual citizens who volunteered in a staff support role. A significant number of the participating organizations have their own legal mandate to conduct health and human services planning (e.g., Palm Beach County Health Department, Palm Beach County Health Care District, municipalities, Treasure Coast Health Council, Inc. and ~~Childrens~~ Children's Services Council). This only reinforces the need for all health and human services organizations, on behalf of and participation with the citizens of Palm Beach County to continue to define our organizational roles and legal responsibilities through a mutually shared vision statement. This information is scheduled to be printed within the "Palm Beach County, Citizens' Advisory Committee on Health & Human Services Guiding Principles" publication.

**INTRODUCTION      B. Assessment and Conclusion**

**2.      REVISED      5. Community Planning and Information Services**

An extremely important link between each of the agencies and the Health & Human Services Element pertains to health and human services databases and informational services. Although one centralized database for health and human services does not exist, substantial progress ~~has been~~ should continue to be made toward the integration of existing systems and centralized data bases. Serious consideration should be given in future amendments that the Element address: 1) the specific responsibilities of major planning agencies, 2) their enabling legislation, 3) identification of future data needs, and 4) distribution/utilization of data collection and information services. The establishment of an Objective with such information would provide a clearer understanding of the inter-relationships of policies and objectives and the success or failure of health & human service programs in Palm Beach County. Until this Objective is established, specific questions concerning a policy should be directed to the responsible agency stated in each Policy.

The following agencies have major health & human planning services responsibilities that are recognized by State of Florida laws: Palm Beach County Health Care District, ~~Childrens~~ Children's Services Council, Treasure Coast Health Council, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, State of Florida Department of Children and Family Services (District IX), Palm Beach County Health Department, Area Agency on Aging, State of Florida Department of Community Affairs & Palm Beach County-Board of County Commissioners.

**3.      REVISED      7. History**

The roots of the HHS Element can be traced back to the summer of 1983 when Palm Beach County experienced a major indigent health care crisis, i.e., ~~St. Mary's Hospital~~ hospitals and health department clinics ~~and~~ were making plans to close their doors to indigent patients as programmatic dollars were projected to run out prior to the end of the fiscal year. This community crisis triggered the following series of events which resulted in the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners developing this Element of the Comprehensive Plan:

- Formation of Palm Beach County's Task Force on delivery of health care services (November, 1983);
- Task Force recommendation to fund the District IX Regional Health Council now Treasure Coast Health Council (January 12, 1984) to specifically increase health planning activities at the county level;
- Approved a five (5) year health planning pilot project with the District IX Health



Council, Inc. (now Treasure Coast Health Council) by the Board of County Commissioners on March 26, 1985;

- The Palm Beach County Planning Division convenes as a technical committee to work with a consulting firm ~~in~~ on April 25, 1988, which was selected through an RFP process to assist in the completion of the Health and Human Services Element;
- Directions '88 on May 7, 1988 recognized and supported the County commitment to include an optional Health and Human Services Element in its Comprehensive Plan.
- Based on the information and reports reviewed and recommended by the technical support committee and the Citizens Advisory Committee on Health & Human Services, PBC Planning Division publishes (April, 1989) the first draft of the Comprehensive Plan which includes the Health and Human Services Element. The Element was adopted by both the Board of County Commissioners and the Florida Department of Community Affairs (September, 1990).

**4. REVISED 8. Future**

Our successes as a County as a whole (county and municipal government, regional and state government, private and not-for-profit organization and a high degree of citizen participation) include but are not limited to the following: 1) a new and operational Palm Beach County Health Care District, 2) trauma system, 3) Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 4) improved planning infrastructure through the creation of the Health and Human Services Planning Association (HHSPA) and the Palm Beach County Citizens Advisory Committee on HHS, 5) further consolidation and improved access to information and referral services (Center For Information & Crisis Services), and 6) increased funding to current and additional programs managed by affiliated agencies which included current and newly funded programs.

**Objective 1.1 Communicable Disease Services**

5. **REVISED Policy 1.1-a:**The Palm Beach County Health Department shall continually monitor the incidence of childhood preventable disease and assure a comprehensive program to reduce its incidence.
6. **REVISED Policy 1.1-b:**The Palm Beach County Health Department and the Palm Beach County Health Care District shall promote early childhood and adult immunizations in public and private sector services.
7. **REVISED Policy 1.1-c:**The Palm Beach County Health Department and the Palm Beach County Health Care District shall sponsor health education and outreach programs with the Immunization Coalition, private physicians, school officials, parents and other groups to promote early immunizations.
8. **REVISED Policy 1.1-d:**The Palm Beach County Health Department and the Palm Beach County Health Care District will pilot automated immunization tracking systems to ensure compliance with immunization requirements.
9. **REVISED Policy 1.1-e:**The Palm Beach County Health Department shall continually monitor the rate of infectious diseases not preventable by vaccine and assure the availability of preventive, early detection and treatment services.
10. **REVISED Policy 1.1-f:**The Palm Beach County Health Department shall sponsor educational seminars for the hospitals, physicians, infection control practitioners and other health care professionals on updates and changes in disease reporting, the importance of timely reporting and the ability to respond to emerging health threats.
11. **REVISED Policy 1.1-g:**The County, ~~the HIV Planning CARE Council, the AIDS Consortium,~~ the HIV Planning Partnership, the Children's Services Council, the Palm Beach County Health Care District and the Palm Beach County Health Department will collaborate to maintain and enhance access to comprehensive medical, social and other support services including preventive, primary, secondary, tertiary and long-term care for patients infected with HIV, their families and identified high risk populations.



12. **REVISED Policy 1.1-h:**The Palm Beach County Health Department in partnership with community based agencies shall continue efforts to utilize health education and risk reduction strategies that maximize the prevention of HIV through routine counseling at family planning, maternity, primary care and other public facilities.
13. **REVISED Policy 1.1-i:**The Palm Beach County Health Department shall maintain and encourage effective screening and counseling techniques to prevent disease spread and facilitate investigations of such diseases as HIV, Hepatitis B, Tuberculosis and Syphilis. The Health Unit shall provide technical assistance to the private medical community and promote adequate testing, prompt treatment and appropriate counseling regarding these diseases.
14. **REVISED Policy 1.1-j:**The Palm Beach County Health Care District shall maintain the Haney Wing at the Palm Beach County Home and General Care Facility. In conjunction with the Palm Beach County HIV Planning CARE Council ~~and AIDS Consortium~~, alternative community based facilities shall be explored, including substance abuse treatment beds.
15. **REVISED Policy 1.1-k:**The County, the HIV Planning CARE Council, the ~~AIDS Consortium~~, the Palm Beach County Health Care District and the Palm Beach County Health Department shall continue to maintain a coordinated case management system for patients infected with HIV and their families that includes health and human services.
16. **REVISED Policy 1.1-l:**The County, ~~and~~ the HIV Planning CARE Council ~~and the AIDS Consortium~~ shall support, uphold and enforce non-discrimination statutes regarding patients infected with HIV and their families in health, human services, housing, employment and education.
17. **REVISED Policy 1.1-m:**The County, the HIV Planning CARE Council, the ~~AIDS Consortium~~, the HIV Planning Partnership and the Palm Beach County Health Department shall identify and coordinate efforts to compete for and support appropriate research in the prevention and treatment of patients infected with HIV.
18. **REVISED Policy 1.1-n:**The County, the Palm Beach County Health Department, the HIV Planning CARE Council, ~~the AIDS Consortium~~ and the HIV Planning Partnership shall identify and aggressively compete for state and federal financial support for the prevention and treatment of AIDS.

## **Objective 1.2          Environmental Health Services**

19. **REVISED Policy 1.2-a:**The Palm Beach County Health Department shall continuously monitor ambient air, child care facilities, drinking water, public swimming pools and other water recreational activities, air pollution emissions, wastewater discharges, environmental hazards including accidental releases of microbial, chemical or radiological substances and diseases/conditions associated with environmental exposures.
20. **REVISED Policy 1.2-b:**The Palm Beach County Health Department shall periodically inspect all generators of hazardous waste.
21. **REVISED Policy 1.2-c:**The Palm Beach County Health Department shall actively promote pollution prevention activities.
22. **REVISED Policy 1.2-d:**The Palm Beach County Health Department shall assist the County and its municipalities to establish land use patterns and accompanying laws that recognize certain environmental hazards and endeavor to eliminate or minimize conflicts and exposures to hazards in the general population.
23. **REVISED Policy 1.2-e:**The Palm Beach County Health Department shall continuously review the effectiveness of local, state and federal laws and make recommendations aimed at strengthening environmental and public health protection.
24. **REVISED Policy 1.2-f:**The Palm Beach County Health Department shall maintain an effective early warning surveillance system to identify the presence of vector-borne diseases.



25. **REVISED Policy 1.2-g:**The Palm Beach County Health Department shall routinely report indices of environmental quality and warn the public on an-as-needed basis about known hazards.
26. **REVISED Policy 1.2-h:**The Palm Beach County Health Department shall continuously strengthen its partnership with other governmental agencies as well as universities and the private sector in order to avoid duplication of effort and to maximize resource utilization.
27. **REVISED Policy 1.2-i:**The Palm Beach County Health Department shall actively promote the training and formal education of its workforce to ensure the availability of a qualified public health team. Specialized public health training shall also be made accessible to private and public partners to ensure informed participants in coalitions and task forces.
28. **REVISED Policy 1.2-j:**The Palm Beach County Health Department shall maintain a diversified workforce able to respond to public health threats created by natural and man-made disasters.

### **Objective 1.3            Primary Care Services**

29. **REVISED Policy 1.3-a:**The Palm Beach County Health Department shall promote prevention, early detection and intervention, and treatment services to reduce premature death due to noninfectious disease.
30. **REVISED Policy 1.3-b:**The Healthy Start Coalition and the Palm Beach County Health Department shall ensure all pregnant women and infants in Palm Beach County access to quality health care services. Expansion of such services for children up to age five will be implemented as resources become available.
31. **REVISED Policy 1.3-c:**The Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Coalition, the Healthy Start Coalition, the Children's Services Council and the Palm Beach County Health Department shall assist in the reduction of teenage pregnancy through targeted programs.
32. **REVISED Policy 1.3-d:**The Palm Beach County Health Department and the Palm Beach County Health Care District shall promote health education through the media, adult education and other programs both within the Palm Beach County Health Department and in the community to discourage practices leading to lifestyle illnesses such as high-cholesterol levels and heart disease, smoking-related diseases, substance abuse, chronic obesity, malnutrition and stress related disorders.
33. **REVISED Policy 1.3-e:**The Palm Beach County Health Department and the Palm Beach County Health Care District shall continually ensure that all health care related policies emphasize wellness, the prevention of illness and injury.
34. **REVISED Policy 1.3-f:**The Palm Beach County Health Department and the Palm Beach County Health Care District shall maintain and enhance a strong community-based injury prevention program coordinated with the Injury Prevention Coalition.
35. **REVISED Policy 1.3-g:**The Palm Beach County Health Department shall expand the Medicaid Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Program to identify and treat conditions in children and young people before the conditions become serious. Screening activities that cover the same areas will be provided to children through the Palm Beach County Health Care District Managed Care Program to meet the same objective, early diagnosis and treatment.
36. **REVISED Policy 1.3-h:**The Palm Beach County Health Department and the Palm Beach County Health Care District shall maintain a comprehensive program for chronic diseases for low income clients.
37. **REVISED Policy 1.3-i:**The Palm Beach County Health Department and the Palm Beach County Health Care District, through clinic and outreach programs, will screen for, detect and treat chronic diseases as early as possible in high risk populations.
38. **REVISED Policy 1.3-j:**The Palm Beach County Health Department and the Palm Beach County Health Care District shall actively collaborate with the Palm Beach County Medical



Society, community-based agencies and advocacy groups in providing wellness programs to the residents of Palm Beach County and its culturally diverse populations.

39. **REVISED Policy 1.3-k:**The Palm Beach County Health Department shall promote fluoridation of public water supplies in the Palm Beach County Water Utility Department Service Area and encourage other service providers to do the same.
40. **REVISED Policy 1.3-l:**The Palm Beach County Health Department in collaboration with the Palm Beach County School Board shall maintain participation of the sodium fluoride mouth rinse program in 100% of appropriate public schools, grades K-5.
41. **REVISED Policy 1.3-m:**The Palm Beach County Health Department and the Palm Beach County Health Care District shall expand programs for preventive and basic dental care for children and adults. In areas where water is fluoridated, sealant programs will be implemented.
42. **REVISED Policy 1.3-n:**The Palm Beach County Health Department shall expand its nutrition education to reach high risk populations as permitted by available resources and funding such as those at congregate meal sites, individuals at risk for chronic diseases and those in the Women, Infant and Children (WIC) supplemental food program.
43. **REVISED Policy 1.3-o:**The Palm Beach County Health Department, the Palm Beach County School Board and the Palm Beach County Health Care District shall plan and implement school health services and health education programs in collaboration with the municipalities, the private medical community, academic centers, parents, teachers and advocacy groups.
44. **REVISED Policy 1.3-p:**The Palm Beach County Health Department, the Palm Beach County Health Care District, the Children's Services Council and the Palm Beach County School Board shall promote expansion of full service schools on the basis of the Department of Education model which provides health, mental health and social services.
45. **REVISED Policy 1.3-q:**The Palm Beach County Health Department shall continually encourage prevention programs in the schools that promote knowledge regarding HIV/AIDS, substance abuse, teenage pregnancy, nutrition and dental health.
46. **REVISED Policy 1.3-r:**The Palm Beach County Health Department, in collaboration with the County and the State, shall continue to develop and implement public health policy for the residents and visitors of Palm Beach County.
47. **REVISED Policy 1.3-s:**The Palm Beach County Health Department, the Palm Beach County Health Care District and the private medical community will continually address financial, systems and informational barriers to the access of health care services in Palm Beach County. Efforts will be targeted to special populations and settings.
48. **REVISED Policy 1.3-t:**The Palm Beach County Health Department shall promote the enhancement of family planning services and work with community-based agencies and advocacy groups to implement strategies to improve access and track the effectiveness of each strategy.

#### **Objective 1.4      Support Services**

49. **REVISED Policy 1.4-a:**The Palm Beach County Health Department and the County through the PBC Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services shall jointly design and implement a strong Epidemiology<sup>1</sup> program capable of conducting comprehensive population based research<sup>2</sup> to determine and report on health status and identified

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<sup>1</sup> The investigation of health status problems and causal relationships.

<sup>2</sup> Distribution of deaths and diseases by demographic and social characteristics, assessment of impact of services programs on health status of the population and conducting evaluations to determine whether or not the achievement of a desired objective can be attributed to a specific program.



vulnerable target populations<sup>3</sup> to be utilized, in part, for the development and/or amendment of the goals, objectives and policies of the Health and Human Services Element of the PBC Comprehensive Plan.

50. **REVISED Policy 1.4-b:**The Palm Beach County Health Department will, in addition to other identified measurements, utilize data generated from the implementation of a comprehensive Epidemiology program to evaluate its communicable disease, environmental health and primary care services and related goals, objectives and policies.

## **Objective 2.1            Emergency Services**

51. **REVISED Policy 2.1-a:**The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall work in concert with the Palm Beach County Health Department and the Palm Beach County Health Care District to assure that all individuals and families provided Emergency Services will have health screenings, to include screening for communicable diseases and assurance of all immunizations indicated or required.
52. **REVISED Policy 2.1-b:**The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall coordinate provision of emergency services with local members of the ~~Hungry and~~ Hunger & Homeless ~~Network~~ Task Force in order to maximize available resources, eliminate duplication of services, and collaborate on needed services for individuals and families.
53. **REVISED Policy 2.1-c:**The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall coordinate provision of emergency services with the Emergency Food and Shelter Program of Palm Beach County (FEMA Funded) in order to maximize available resources, eliminate duplication of services, and collaborate on needed services for individuals and families.
54. **REVISED Policy 2.1-d:**The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall coordinate provision of emergency services with the Florida Department of Children and Family Services in order to maximize available resources, eliminate duplication of services, and collaborate on needed services for individuals and families.
55. **REVISED Policy 2.1-e:**The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services and the Community Services Department's Financially Assisted Agency process shall coordinate efforts to provide emergency services to eligible individuals and families, particularly where those services are provided by agencies funded by the Financially Assisted Agencies.
56. **REVISED Policy 2.1-f:**The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall directly provide emergency services to individuals and families who are at or below the percent of federal income poverty level approved each year by the Board of County Commissioners consistent with the approved operating budget.

## **Objective 2.2            Self-Sufficiency Services**

57. **REVISED Policy 2.2-a:**Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall work in a collaborative manner with community partners to assure that all individuals and families who wish to gain economic self-sufficiency have access to comprehensive social, educational, and vocational assessments necessary to determine needed services.
58. **REVISED Policy 2.2-b:**The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall coordinate provision of self-sufficiency services with community service providers in order to maximize available resources, avoid redundancy or duplication of services, and collaborate on needed services for individuals and families.

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<sup>3</sup> Vulnerable target populations are defined as, but not limited to those for whom the risk of poor physical, psychological, or social health has or is quite likely to become a reality, e.g., high-risk mothers and infants chronically ill & disabled persons with AIDS, mentally ill & disabled, alcohol & substance abusers, suicide/homicide-prone, abusive families, homeless and immigrants and refugees.



59. **REVISED Policy 2.2-c:**~~The~~ Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall coordinate provision of self-sufficiency services with the designated welfare reform entity(s), such as the Florida WAGES Board or Coalition, the Workforce Development Board, Department of Children and Families, Department of Labor and other established welfare reform bodies.
60. **REVISED Policy 2.2-d:**The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall directly provide Case Management as an integral service to all individuals and families receiving self-sufficiency services.
61. **REVISED Policy 2.2-e:**The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall directly provide self-sufficiency services to individuals and families who are eligible for services based on eligibility established by various grant funding sources and the Board of County Commissioners, consistent with the approved operating budget.

### **Objective 2.3            Coordination Services**

62. **REVISED Policy 2.3-a:**The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall work in concert with the Health and Human Services Planning Association's Service Restructuring project to assure that individuals and families in need of health and human services have access to a single intake and eligibility process, through multiple points of entry into the service continuum, to maximize efficient and effective delivery of needed services.
63. **REVISED Policy 2.3-b:**The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall work in concert with the Health and Human Services Planning Association's Integrated database project to assure that individuals and families are provided health and human services in a service continuum that is efficient and effective.
64. **REVISED Policy 2.3-c:**The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall work in concert with the findings of the Health and Human Services Planning Association's Funding and Service database project to assure targeting of existing human and fiscal resources as well as developing additional needed human and fiscal resources.
65. **REVISED Policy 2.3-d:**The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall work in concert with Community Partners to establish expectations that health and human services are provided with specified outcome measures and an unduplicated counts of individuals and families served.
66. **REVISED Policy 2.3-e:**The Palm Beach County Department Division of Community Human Services/Veteran Services and Department of Housing and Community Development will coordinate planning efforts among themselves and the community to better address emergency assistance needs and the impact of terminated assistance due to welfare reform.
67. **REVISED GOAL 4 HEALTH CARE SERVICES:** Palm Beach County, the Palm Beach County Health Care District and the Palm Beach County Health Department shall annually provide the delivery of all the statutorily prescribed health services and other services required by the Board of County Commissioners and the respective Florida statutes and related rules, regulations and implementing departments of the State of Florida.
68. **REVISED Objective 4.1 Health Care Services:** Palm Beach County, ~~The Health Care District and the~~ Palm Beach County Health Care District and the Palm Beach County Health Department shall provide for Health Care Services<sup>4</sup> that include, but are not limited to, the following statutorily prescribe continuum of services that serve the indigent and medically needy individuals of Palm Beach County: preventive services, primary care, community nursing services, ambulatory care, outpatient care, trauma services and rehabilitative and maintenance services.
69. **REVISED Objective 4.2 Organizational Support Services:** Palm Beach County, the

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<sup>4</sup> The primary focus of Health Care Services is on Physical Health Care and not Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services which are addressed in a separate Objective.



Palm Beach County Health Care District and the Palm Beach County Health Department shall provide organizational Support Services which are those activities or mechanisms that facilitate the provision of health care services such as ancillary services (e.g. individual/family counseling and transportation programs, case management and administrative support) and systems development activities (e.g. planning, resource allocation, regulation & quality assurance, financing and evaluation/measurement of progress).

70. **REVISED Policy 4.2-c:** ~~The~~ Palm Beach County Department of Community Services, Division of Human & Veterans Services/Veteran Services, the PBC Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services (CAC/HHS) in conjunction with the PBC Department of Public Affairs, will encourage the State of Florida to consider placing a state veterans nursing home at the VA Medical Center in West Palm Beach to increase the availability of skilled nursing beds for veterans.

#### **OBJECTIVE 5.1      Service Delivery System**

71. **REVISED Policy 5.1-e:** Palm Beach County through and/or coordinated by the Department of Community Services Division of Human & ~~Veterans~~ Services/Veteran Services, the Financially Assisted Agency process, the Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services (CAC/HHS) should continue current efforts to involve representatives of the VA Medical Center in planning programs for homeless veterans.
72. **REVISED Policy 5.1-f:** The West Palm Beach VA Medical Center will continue to work with the Palm Beach County ~~Department of Community Services~~ Division of Human & ~~Veterans~~ Services/Veteran Services, the Palm Beach County Health Department and other appropriate local health and human services organizations to provide for the special needs of veteran patients with AIDS and with mutual AIDS research efforts.
73. **REVISED Policy 5.1-g:** Palm Beach County through the ~~Department of Community Services~~ Palm Beach County Division of Human & Veterans Services/Veteran Services and the Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services (CAC/HHS) will work with the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center in the design and implementation of a system (network) of veterans services which will deliver services to veterans with a higher level of continuity<sup>5</sup>.
74. **REVISED Policy 5.1-i:** The County shall coordinate its funding and strategic planning with all appropriate funders concerning the following Health and Human Services/system(s) as identified by the ~~Childrens~~ Children's Services Council: (1) emergency assistance to achieve economic stability; (2) self sufficiency and independence; (3) mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment services; and, (4) abuse and neglect and domestic violence.

#### **Objective 6.1      Outreach and Assessment Services**

75. **REVISED Policy 6.1-a:** The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall work in concert with the Homeless Coalition, its service providers, and the Hungry and Homeless Network to assure that homeless individuals and families receive Outreach and Assessment in order to become aware of existing services in the continuum of care system.
76. **REVISED Policy 6.1-b:** The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall work in concert with the State of Florida Department of Children and Families, Palm Beach County Health Department and the Palm Beach County Health Care District to ensure that all homeless individuals and families who wish to move into emergency shelter have a health screening, to include screening for communicable diseases, screening for substance abuse, and assurance of all immunizations indicated or

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<sup>5</sup> Continuity is defined as the extent of effective coordination of services provided to individuals and the community overtime, within and among health and human services and settings, e.g., percent (%) of institutions and/or programs with written patient/client transfer agreements with other institutions/programs (by selected service and settings).



required are received and/or administered.

77. **REVISED Policy 6.1-c:**The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall work in concert with PalmTran to provide bus passes for homeless individuals and families necessary to access needed services.

#### **Objective 6.2            Emergency Shelter Services**

78. **REVISED Policy 6.2-a:**The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall work in concert with the Homeless Coalition, its Service Providers, and the Hungry and Homeless Network to maximize efficient and effective use of existing emergency shelter beds to serve homeless individuals and families.
79. **REVISED Policy 6.2-b:**The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall work in concert with the Palm Beach County Health Department, State of Florida Department of Children and Families and the Palm Beach County Health Care District to assure that on-going treatment needs identified at the initial health screening are addressed for the homeless individuals and families.
80. **REVISED Policy 6.2-c:**The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall work in concert with Community Partners to provide social, educational, and vocational assessments, referrals to community service providers, and coordination of Case Management to avoid duplication or service redundancy in serving homeless individuals and families.
81. **REVISED Policy 6.2-d:**The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall work in concert with PalmTran to provide bus passes for homeless individuals and families necessary to access needed services.

#### **Objective 6.3            Transitional Housing Services**

82. **REVISED Policy 6.3-a:**The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall work in concert with the Homeless Coalition and its Service Providers to support the transitional housing component of the continuum of care for homeless individuals and families moving from emergency shelter.
83. **REVISED Policy 6.3-b:**The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall work in concert with Community Partners to assure access and referral to community-based Support Services necessary to augment successful participation in transitional housing.
84. **REVISED Policy 6.3-c:**The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall directly provide transitional housing to homeless individuals and families who are served through programs specifically funded by grant funded programs, the Board of County Commissioners consistent with the approved operating budget.
85. **REVISED Policy 6.3-d:**Palm Beach County through and/or coordinated by the Department of Community Services Division of Human ~~& Veterans~~ Services/Veteran Services, the Financially Assisted Agency process and the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC/HHS) will increase its efforts to establish halfway houses and boarding homes which meet VA certification requirements (38 CFR Ch 1 (9-1-95) edition) to house and provide a structural environment for participants in the VA outpatient substance abuse program and the mental health day treatment program.

#### **Objective 6.4            Permanent Housing/Permanent Supportive Housing Services**

86. **REVISED Policy 6.4-a:**The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall work in concert with the Homeless Coalition, its Service Providers, and available community agencies that promote home ownership in order to refer homeless individuals and families appropriately, upon successful completion of transitional housing services.



87. **REVISED Policy 6.4-b:**The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall work in concert with the Homeless Coalition, its Service Providers, and community housing resources that offer permanent supportive housing options to refer homeless individuals and families who may be unable to participate in home ownership programs, but may benefit from permanent supportive housing options.

**Objective 6.5 Homeless Prevention Strategy**

88. **REVISED Policy 6.5-a:**The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall work in concert with the Homeless Coalition, its service providers, and the Hungry and Homeless Network to assure that health and human services focusing on prevention are coordinated to maximize existing human and fiscal resources.
89. **REVISED Policy 6.5-b:**The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall work in concert with Service Providers and funders to assure that homeless prevention services are provided in support of specified outcome measures and an unduplicated count of individuals and families served.
90. **REVISED Policy 6.5-c:**The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall directly provide prevention services to individuals and families, eligible according to grant funds requirements or eligibility as established by the Board of County Commissioners and consistent with the approved operating budget.
91. **REVISED Policy 6.5-d:**The Palm Beach County ~~Department~~ Division of Human Services/Veteran Services will work in concert with the Department of Children and Families, the Department of Labor, the Workforce Development Board and other community partners to ensure that homeless individuals and families are referred for those community services which will provide both immediate and on-going financial assistance as well as lead towards economic self sufficiency.

**Objective 7.1 Abuse and Neglect**

92. **REVISED Policy 7.1-c:**~~The County through the PBC Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services and supports the Child Advocacy Board inclusion of Palm Beach County shall coordinate with the School Board to assist in incorporating into the educational curriculum components that focus on the skills, responsibilities and expectations involved in parenting.~~
93. **REVISED Policy 7.1-d:**The County through the Department of Community Services Financially Assisted Agency process ~~and the Child Advocacy Board of Palm Beach County~~ shall assist in supporting programs to educate service providers, public officials, families, professionals and the public to recognize and report abuse, neglect and exploitation.
94. **REVISED Policy 7.1-f:**The County, through the Department of Community Services Division of Senior ~~and Human Services~~, shall coordinate efforts with the State Abuse Registry and the State Attorney to maintain data on abuse and neglect.
95. **REVISED Policy 7.1-h:**The Children's Services Council, the Palm Beach County School District and the Department of Children and Families shall increase the awareness of the signs of abuse and how to respond to observations of abuse by school district personnel, mental health and social service agency personnel, and the general public.
96. **REVISED Policy 7.1-i:**The County, the Palm Beach County School District, the Department of Children and Families, and the Children's Services Council shall increase the availability of child care and respite care for children who are at risk of abuse by working with community organizations.
97. **REVISED Policy 7.1-j:**The Children's Service Council, Palm Beach County School District and the Department of Children And Families shall develop a coordinated approach for parent education and involvement and increase the a availability and accessibility of appropriate parent training opportunities, conflict resolution training and mediation services.

98. **REVISED Policy 7.1-k:** The Healthy Start Coalition, the Palm Beach the County Health Care District, the ~~Department of Public~~ Palm Beach County Health Department, the Department of Children and Families and the Children's Service Services Council shall facilitate and develop a home visitation program as defined in the Citizens Advisory Committee on Health & Human Services Guiding Principles publication for all newborns and their parents.
99. **REVISED Policy 7.1-l:** The County, the Palm Beach County School District, and the Children's Services Council shall increase the availability and accessibility of elementary and middle school after school programs and work with the municipalities, community organizations, and parent groups wherever possible.
100. **REVISED Policy 7.1-m:** The Department of Children and Families, the Department of Health/Children's Medical Services, the County and the ~~Child's~~ Children's Services Council shall develop a centralized intake and service delivery model to ensure the funding follows the child and the services are efficient and family centered.
101. **REVISED Policy 7.1-o:** The Department of Children and Families, the County, the Palm Beach County School District and the Children's Services Council shall develop a coordinated system of school based, neighborhood based and child care center based services for children and families.
102. **REVISED IMPLEMENTATION:** The County shall increase its effectiveness and efficiency in health and human services by coordinating with agencies such as, but not limited to the: Palm Beach County Health Care District, Palm Beach County Health Department, Florida Department of Children and Families, Health & Human Service Planning Association, ~~Children~~ Children's Services Council, Private Industry Council, United Way, private and public hospitals, VA Medical Center and Criminal Justice Commission.

Implementation of the Health and Human Services Element is the responsibility of the Palm Beach County Department of Community Services. Implementation will be consistent with directives from the Board of County Commissioners, through the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Health & Human Services (~~Resolution R-90-1978~~ as amended by ~~R-93-317~~).

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## G. Recreation and Open Space Element, Revisions and Updates

**REVISIONS:** To revise and update. The revisions are numbered below, and shown with the added text underlined, and the deleted text ~~struck out~~.

### Objective 1.1 Plan Coordination

#### 1. REVISED INTRODUCTION

Palm Beach County's 2,023 square miles makes it one of the largest counties in the State of Florida and ~~in fact~~ larger than the State of Rhode Island. With a population of ~~nearly over~~ one million people residing mostly in the eastern half of the Palm Beach County, it is the third most populous county in Florida. The County continues to be one of the fastest growing counties in the State and to attract more than three million visitors annually. Thus, the County's size along with the diversity of its growing populace generate myriad recreation and open space needs that are served by the County's recreation and open space system.

Fortunately, Palm Beach County encompasses many significant natural resources such as eastern Lake Okeechobee, vast federal and state conservation and/or wildlife areas, the Loxahatchee River and Slough, the Intracoastal Waterway, and some of the finest Atlantic Ocean beaches in the State of Florida, all within an hour drive of the County's population. These resources, along with the County's 7,000 acres of parks and tens of thousands of ~~more than 25,000~~ acres of environmentally sensitive lands, other municipal park systems, and County School District facilities, provide public access opportunities to an wide array of natural, cultural and recreational facilities. In addition, privately owned or operated facilities such as golf courses, clubhouses, pools, marinas, and campgrounds are available throughout the County albeit in some cases on a more limited basis than public facilities. Together these resources comprise a broad based and functional Countywide recreation and open space system that contributes to the health and welfare of the population, links vital natural resources, and supports a high quality of life for Palm Beach County residents.

The Recreation and Open Space Element (ROSE) guides the County's capital program designed to meet the ever-increasing demand for parks, beaches, recreational facilities, and open space necessary to serve new development and to maintain the quality of life enjoyed by existing residents. To accomplish this goal additional parks and recreation facilities will be provided commensurately with future population growth, existing deficiencies will be addressed with available funds, accessibility will be increased to the many components of the recreation and open space system, and additional environmentally sensitive lands will be acquired and/or protected. Unless otherwise indicated, the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for implementation of the Goal, Objectives, and Policies of this Element.

This ~~1997~~ version of the ROSE supercedes the 1989 Element in its entirety and incorporates the 1995 EAR based amendments. As a result of these amendments, much of the supporting data and tables formerly contained in the 1989 Element are now located in the accompanying Support Document, resulting in a reorganized ROSE that is more concise and easier to follow than the 1989 Element.

#### 2. REVISED Purpose

The purpose of the Recreation and Open Space Element (ROSE) is to ensure that the County adopts a long-range plan ~~necessary~~ to provide an adequate Countywide system of parks, recreational facilities and open space to serve existing and future populations. The ROSE provides the Goals, Objectives and Policies (GOP) necessary for establishing ~~Concurrency~~ Level of Service (LOS) Standards and other important planning guidelines to ensure that an adequate system of parks, recreational facilities and open space is available for County residents both now and in the future.

The ROSE satisfies the minimum criteria for State review established by the Department of Community Affairs under Chapter 9J-5, Florida Administrative Code, as amended. Specifically ~~Rule 9-J5.014 Recreation and Open Space, and Rule 9-J5.005 (Concurrency Management)~~ calls for the adoption and monitoring of LOS Standards to ensure that issuance of new development orders and permits does not result in a reduction of Park and Recreational facility ~~ies~~ levels of service below adopted County standards.



### 3. REVISED Assessment and Conclusions

Palm Beach County has traditionally assumed responsibility for providing a portion of the overall parks, recreational facility, and open space needs for both County residents and visitors. The County continues to place major emphasis on acquisition and development of ~~larger-scale~~ Countywide-level Regional, Beach and District Parks that are the most cost efficient to build and operate, and that provide the greatest and most diverse active and passive recreational opportunities for all County residents. To a lesser extent, ~~smaller-scale~~ Local-level community and/or neighborhood parks that have more limited active recreational facilities are provided only in urbanized areas where limiting conditions preclude larger park facilities. State and federal conservation areas and waterways, along with the County's environmentally sensitive land acquisitions, account for most of the open space resources.

The single GOAL of the ROSE, although slightly altered from the 1989 Element, remains essentially the same: to provide a Countywide system of parks, recreation facilities and open spaces to serve existing and future residents. The objectives of the ROSE are grouped into three main policy areas and prioritized as follows based on Countywide- and community Local-level needs and future commitments for funding:

**Objectives 1.1 Long Range Planning and Funding, & 1.2 Concurrency Level of Service Standards.** These objectives and policies address specific 9J-5 requirements and contain the highest priority commitments and measurements of the Plan's effectiveness, providing for the evaluation and oversight of the planning process, annual funding commitment and adoption of Countywide Concurrency LOS standards.

**Objectives 1.3 Community Parks, & 1.4 Open Space.** These two objectives set forth general planning policies that address the strong community interests in Community Parks and Open Space lands for which there may be current funding but no long term recurring dedicated capital funding source nor has an Concurrency LOS been established.

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The ROSE Map Series of the Comprehensive Plan includes MAP RO-1.1, Existing Conditions Map (1995) and MAP RO 2.1, Future Conditions Map (1996-2015), both of which are updated to reflect the addition of new parks at the time of the EAR and those additional County parks proposed between the years 1996 - 2015. The maps ~~are now produced in color, and~~ include descriptive legends, ~~and tables of inventories of existing and projected future inventories of parks, acreage, and recreational~~ identification of whether the park facilities are active and/or passive.

In summary, the County's primary role will continue to be the provision of Regional, Beach and District parks and related active and passive recreational facilities to serve existing residents and ~~growth-related projected future needs in the future.~~ Community Parks and/or neighborhood facilities that address existing deficiencies will also be considered in targeted regions of the Urban/Suburban Tier ~~service area~~ on a case by case basis as available funding permits.

The Goal, Objectives and Policies of this Element are intended to provide clear guidelines for the planning and implementation of a capital program to meet future park, recreation and open space needs and maintain the high quality of life in Palm Beach County. Specifically, additional acres of Regional, Beach and District parks with their associated active and passive recreational facilities will be planned to best serve areas where continued population growth is projected. This will be accomplished through the establishment of Concurrency levels of service, and the collection and allocation of park impact fees from new residential development.

Second, those areas with existing park and/or active and special recreational facilities deficiencies will be addressed on an individual basis as funding becomes available from ad valorem, bond, grant or other non-impact fee funding sources. Recent funds approved by the Board of County Commissioners include the 1995 \$25.3 million Park Revenue Bond, and the \$1.4 million Annual Recreation Assistance Program, and the 1999 \$25 million Recreation and Cultural General Obligation Bond. These bonds ~~that~~ provide funding for municipal and other ~~local~~ community park projects. These ~~two~~ sources represent a



substantial commitment of funds by the County for projects to help ~~meet~~ correct existing deficiencies.

~~And finally~~ The County's 1991 \$100 million Environmentally Sensitive Lands Acquisition General Obligation Bond Program ~~resulted in~~ the purchase of thousands of acres of native habitat area since the Element's adoption in 1989, and offers new opportunities for non-consumptive passive recreational opportunities. In 1999 the \$150 million Conservation Lands Acquisition General Obligation Bond was passed to purchase open space, farmlands and environmentally sensitive land. In conjunction with other public recreation and conservation lands these ESL acquisitions will form the core of a linked open space system throughout the County and region. The need to increase public accessibility to recreational and open space resources will be addressed by developing partnerships and cooperative agreements with schools, local, state and federal agencies, nonprofit groups and other public and private providers of recreational and cultural facilities.

**4. REVISED GOAL 1 PROVISION OF PARKS, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND OPEN SPACE**

It is the **GOAL** of Palm Beach County to provide a Countywide system of parks, beaches, open space and recreational and cultural facilities that ~~are is~~ is conveniently distributed, readily accessible, and adequate in number to serve the current and future needs of the County's population. This goal will be achieved through the implementation of the following Objectives and Policies.

**5. REVISED Objective 1.1 Long Range Planning and Funding**

~~Palm Beach~~ The long-range plan to guide development of its recreation and open space system including a planning process that encourages public input, adoption of a 6-Year Capital Improvement Plan, and annual funding that ensures adequate recreational opportunities are available to the public Countywide.

- 6. REVISED Policy 1.1-a:** The County shall maintain, and incorporate as part of the Map Series of this Comprehensive Plan, Map RO 1.1, Existing Conditions (1995) and Map RO 2.1, Future Conditions (1996-2015) identifying existing and future locations and recreational facilities available for each of the County's Regional, Beach, District, and Community Parks. These maps and their respective supporting data will be assessed and updated at intervals consistent with the Evaluation and Appraisal Reporting process, as stipulated by Rule 9J-5, Florida Administrative Code, or more frequently as necessary to reflect changing conditions.

- 7. REVISED Policy 1.1-b:** The County's park planning process shall encourage public participation and comment through public hearings, meetings and user surveys that help assess the local and Countywide recreational needs of its residents.

- 8. REVISED Policy 1.1-d:** ~~Palm Beach~~ The County shall utilize the best available methods and sources of funding for the acquisition, development, operation and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities in order to lessen its need for ad valorem taxes. Currently available methods and sources of funding include but are not limited to the following:

- state and federal grants
- park impact fees on new residential development
- bonds and other long range financing techniques
- acquisition or lease of other government lands
- surplus land/property sales
- civic site dedication's and/or cash-outs
- private property donations
- revenue sharing including the Florida Boating Improvement Fund
- private/public trusts and partnerships
- user fees and tourist bed tax
- interlocal and mutual use agreements with other agencies

9. **REVISED OBJECTIVE 1.2 Countywide Park Concurrency Levels of Service**

The County shall establish Countywide Park Concurrency Levels of Service Standards for total and developed acres of Regional, Beach, and District Parks, and for active and passive recreational facilities to ensure that adopted Levels of Service are met concurrent with new development.

10. **REVISED Policy 1.2-a:** The County shall maintain minimum Concurrency LOS Standards (see Table 1.2-1) for total and developed acres of Regional, Beach, and District Parks, and for active and passive recreational facilities for the Countywide population. Concurrency LOS will be established at the lower figure of either the existing LOS in 1995 or the projected LOS in 2015 as follows:

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Table 1.2-1

<u>Countywide</u> Park <u>Concurrency</u> LOS Standards 1995-2015			
	LOS 1995	Projected LOS 2015	<u>Concurrency</u> <u>Required</u> LOS
Park Classification	Total Acres/1000 residents		
Regional	4.79	3.39	3.39
Beach	.50	.35	.35
District	1.70	1.38	1.38
	Developed Acres/1000 residents		
Regional	2.00	2.62	2.00
Beach	.20	.21	.20
District	.77	1.00	.77
Active Recreation	Facility/Population		
Tennis Court	1/17,000	1/20,000	1/20,000
Basketball Court	1/50,000	1/25,000	1/50,000
L L Baseball Field	1/25,000	1/25,000	1/25,000
Major L Baseball Field	1/100,000	1/100,000	1/100,000
Softball Field	1/50,000	1/50,000	1/50,000
Football/Soccer Field	1/34,000	1/25,000	1/34,000
Volleyball Court	1/50,000	1/20,000	1/50,000
Racquetball Court	1/25,000	1/34,000	1/34,000
Roller Hockey Rink	0	1/100,000	1/100,000
Exercise Trail	1/50,000	1/34,000	1/50,000
Play Area	1/25,000	1/13,000	1/25,000
Passive Recreation	Facility/Population		
Picnicking Acres	1/13,000	1/7,000	1/13,000
Camp Site	1/7,000	1/4,000	1/7,000
Fishing Site	1/25,000	1/14,000	1/25,000
Hiking/Nature Trail	1/74,000	1/34,000	1/74,000
Bicycle Path/Trail	1/50,000	1/34,000	1/50,000

11. **REVISED Policy 1.2-c:** The County shall assess and update Countywide Park Concurrency Levels of Service LOS Standards at intervals consistent with the Evaluation and Appraisal Reporting process, as stipulated by Rule 9J-5.053, Florida Administrative Code, or more frequently as necessary to reflect changing conditions.

12. **REVISED Policy 1.2-d:** Recreation facilities shall be planned and developed to ensure the availability of active facilities within 5 miles and passive facilities within 10 miles of most residents within the Urban/Suburban Tier Service Area. Outside the Urban Service Area For all Tiers outside of the Urban/Suburban Tier, both active and passive facilities will be planned and developed to ensure that facilities are available within 10 miles of most residents.



13. **REVISED OBJECTIVE 1.3 Community Local-level Parks**

The County shall plan for the adequate provision of Community Local-level Parks (ie. community and neighborhood) in the unincorporated areas ~~through ULDC~~ by maintaining, in the Unified Land Development Code, minimum requirements for on-site park acreage in new residential developments and the provision of community parks in areas of existing deficiency that are not adequately served by other available facilities.

14. **REVISED Policy 1.3-a:** The County shall require a minimum of ~~the~~ 2.5 acres of ~~homeowner's neighborhood and/or~~ community recreation areas per 1,000 persons to be developed in conjunction with all residential development in the unincorporated area through the provisions of ULDC Article ~~17~~ 7-12, as may be amended.

15. **REVISED Policy 1.3-b:** ~~By 1998~~ The County shall ~~develop~~ maintain a plan for addressing community neighborhood park needs for those unincorporated areas ~~of within the Revitalization and Redevelopment Overlay. County identified by the Board of County Commissioners as a targeted community redevelopment area.~~ Project acquisition and development for these areas will be included in annual updates of the Capital Improvement Element (CIE) subject to the annual appropriation of funds by the BCC for such purposes.

16. **REVISED Policy 1.3-c:** The County shall encourage the development and operation of community Local-level parks by special districts, nonprofit groups, and private interests to help meet ~~community level~~ local recreational needs. Annual Recreational Assistance Program Funds provided by the Board of County Commissioners will be included in annual updates of the CIE subject to annual appropriation of funds by the Board for such purposes.

17. **REVISED Policy 1.3-d:** The County shall utilize available acquisition and funding sources such as ~~PUD~~ PDD civic site dedications, surplus land sales, Recreation Assistance Program, etc., to adequately provide for the Community Local-level park needs of current and future residents.

18. **REVISED OBJECTIVE 1.4 Open Space**

The County's ULDC shall have adequate provisions to ensure that lands are set aside in new developments for open space, and that environmentally sensitive lands are protected for inclusion in the Countywide open space system.

19. **REVISED Policy 1.4-a:** The County shall develop planning strategies for a linked open space network that include but are not limited to consideration of the following components ~~elements~~:

- Conservation Areas and Preserves
- Environmentally Sensitive Lands
- Parks and recreational facilities
- Commercial recreation areas
- Lakes and canal systems
- Bikeways and trails
- Wildlife corridors
- The Florida National Scenic Trail - Lake Okeechobee Segment

20. **REVISED Policy 1.4-b:** The ~~County's~~ ULDC shall include specific open space definitions and standards that address protection of open space, native ecosystems, and the use of native landscape buffers ing, consistent with the requirements of Sec. 163.3202(1), Florida Statutes.

21. **REVISED Policy 1.4-e:** The County shall assist other agencies in the planning of passive recreational facilities within County-managed linked open spaces and greenways that will facilitate public access to parks, environmentally sensitive lands, conservation areas, and other open space resources.

22. **REVISED Policy 1.4-f:** The County's "Greenways and Linked Open Space Map" will be used as a guide in the park planning and design process to ensure that open space linkages are incorporated and alternative means of park access are provided for the public.

**OBJECTIVE 1.5      Recreational & Cultural Opportunities**

23. **REVISED Policy 1.5-a:** The County shall promote public access to County parks, recreational facilities, beaches, shores, and waterways through the provision and/or expansion of vehicle and bicycle parking areas, boat ramps, bikeways and pedestrian ways. ~~and ensure that~~ All parks and recreational facilities shall utilize barrier-free design and ~~are~~ be consistent with federal Americans with Disabilities Act requirements and other state and local building codes.
24. **REVISED Policy 1.5-b:** The County shall develop recreational trails and/or interpretive centers in parks with unique cultural, natural, historical or archeological resources. ~~that~~ These facilities will provide learning experiences for County residents and also support local eco-tourism efforts.
25. **REVISED Policy 1.5-d c:** The County shall continue to develop, and, where appropriate, provide funding for other public agencies to develop additional ~~special~~ recreational and cultural facilities that are available to the public on a nondiscriminatory use basis.

**OBJECTIVE 1.6      Intergovernmental Coordination**

26. **REVISED Policy 1.6-c:** The County's Tourist Development Council shall help support programs in cooperation with local agencies and citizen groups that organize various artistic, cultural, ~~sports athletic~~, and recreational activities, facilities or events that publicize and/or promote Palm Beach County as a tourist destination.
27. **REVISED Policy 1.6-e:** The County shall participate in land acquisition and management efforts with federal, state, regional and/or local agencies, specifically including the Loxahatchee River and Slough corridor restoration, the South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD) East Coast Buffer, and other projects of regional scope that are intended to provide public passive recreational opportunities.



## H. Introduction and Administration Element, Recreation and Open Space Definitions

**REVISIONS:** To revise and update definitions related to Recreation and Open Space. The revisions are numbered below, and shown with the added text underlined, and the deleted text ~~struck out~~.

1. **REVISED: COMMUNITY PARK** - Those Palm Beach County facilities generally more than five (5) but less than forty (40) acres in size that provide active and to a lesser degree passive recreational facilities to population areas within three (3) miles or less of the facility. Recreational facilities include play areas, small groups of lighted fields or courts suitable for programmed youth activities, community centers, and bicycle and automobile parking areas and pedestrian paths to serve the facility.

~~Facilities generally 5 to 60 acres in size that in Palm Beach County provide active recreational facilities to population bases under 25,000 persons with a service radius of under 3 miles. Recreational facilities may include play areas, small groups of fields or courts suitable for programmed activities, community centers, swimming pools, and adequate parking areas to serve the facility.~~

2. **REVISED: DISTRICT PARK** - Those Palm Beach County facilities generally greater than forty (40) acres in size and that primarily provide active recreational facilities and, to a lesser degree, some passive recreational facilities. Recreational facilities typically include groups of lighted fields or courts suitable for scheduled athletic league activities, exercise trails and support facilities such as restrooms and concessions with bicycle and automobile parking areas and pedestrian path systems to accommodate park users. Special facilities such as recreation centers, competition pools, golf courses, and boat ramps and docks may also be included.

~~Facilities generally 60 to 250 acres in size that primarily provide active recreational facilities, and to a lesser degree, some passive recreational facilities where possible. The service radius is under 5 miles. District parks serve a population base of under 50,000 persons. Recreational facilities include special facilities such as competition pools, golf courses, boat ramps and marinas, large groups of lighted fields or courts suitable for scheduled league activities and adequate support facilities with parking areas.~~

3. **NEW: NEIGHBORHOOD PARK** - The smallest class park provided by the County, generally less than five (5) acres in size, and in the case of County designated in-fill areas usually less than one (1) acre. Recreational facilities are generally few in number due to size constraints and developed according to the demands and character of the specific neighborhoods that they serve. Access is primarily pedestrian oriented with no support facilities such as parking lots or restrooms provided.
4. **NEW: PARKS/LOCAL-LEVEL** - This category collectively represents those relatively small scale recreational facilities that include both public parks generally classified as community or neighborhood, and those ULDC required private recreation areas, and that are designed to meet the recreational needs of specific neighborhoods, designated redevelopment areas, or for planned residential developments.
5. **NEW: PARKS/COUNTYWIDE-LEVEL** - This category collectively represents those large scale recreational facilities for which Countywide Park Impact Fees are assessed on new residential development and that include a system of public parks generally classified as Regional, District or Beach, and that are designed to meet the general active and passive recreational needs of the countywide populace.
6. **REVISED: REGIONAL PARK** - The largest class park in Palm Beach County, it generally exceeds two hundred (200) acres in size and also provides access to a substantial natural or manmade resource base. Regional parks primarily provide passive recreational facilities and to a lesser degree active recreational facilities where no adverse impact on the resource base results. Recreational facilities in regional parks are primarily passive or resource based in character with picnicking, camping, hiking, fishing, and boating as the main activities. Special facilities such as museums, golf courses, or water skiing facilities may also be included, as well as some of those active facilities often found in district parks.

~~Parks that generally exceed 250 acres in size and are primarily resource-based parks. Regional parks have a service radius that is Countywide, and a facility that serves a population base of over 100,000 persons. Recreational facilities are primarily passive or resource-based in nature such as picnic areas, campgrounds, trail systems, fishing, and boating. Special facilities such as museums, golf courses, or water skiing may also be included, as well as some of those active facilities often found in District parks.~~

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